SHRI P. N. SUKUL: Last week I went to Lucknow by the Grand Express—a superfast train. I got tiffin in casserole. It was not hot and warm at all. May be it does not fall in the 94.9 per cent category which is mentioned by the Minister. The very next day I came back by the same very train and again it was like that. In the casserole there was no spoon even with which to take it. So, sometimes it is done very carelessly and I hope the Minister will kindly look into the matter and get it improved.

SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA: Obviously this was the exceptional case I referred to earlier.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Let him know that you will look into it.

SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA: In fact, I have already told the hon. Member when he mentioned this to me before my turn came up to answer that I would like him to give me the details of the trains he had travelled and where actually the meal was taken so that we could look into it.

श्री सुरेश पचौरी : सभापति महोदय, खानपान सेवाओं की क्वालिटी और ऐफिशियेंसी से संबंधित यह प्रश्न है जो कि खाद्य पदार्थ और पेय जल में भी जुडा हुआ है। पिछले सालों रेल विभाग में खानपान सेवाओं में पर्याप्त सुधार हुआ है, इसके लिए मंत्री महोदय बधाई के पात्र हैं। सुपर फास्ट ट्रेन्स में एक स्टेशन से दूसरे स्टेशन तक पहुंचने में काफी समय का अंतर होता है और रात को दस बजे और साढ़े दस बजे के बाद कैटरिंग सर्विस वालों से यदि चाय या कोल्ड ड्रिंक्स के लिए कहें तो वह अपनी मजबूरी बताते हैं और चाय आदि नहीं मिल पाती है। क्या मंत्री महोदय इस संबंध में कोई निर्देश जारी करेंगे ताकि इन सेवाओं का लाभ यात्रियों को मिल सके?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Mobile Medical Units for Remote and Inaccessible Areas

*203. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY:
SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to introduce mobile medical units for remote and tribal areas in the country;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor and what steps are being taken to provide the satisfactory medical facilities in the remote areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) to (c) There is no such proposal under consideration of the Government of India However, keeping in view the difficult geographical conditions of tribal/remote and hilly areas, to provide medical facilities the norms for establishment of Primary Health Centres and Sub-Centres have been relaxed as one Primary Health Centre for 20,000 population and one Sub-Centre for 3,000 population in tribal/hilly and remote areas against 30,000 and 5,000 population respectively in general rural areas. The State Governments have been advised to give priority to tribal/remote areas while locating Primary Health Centre/Sub-Centre.

जोधपुर हवाई अड्डे में यात्री सुविधाओं का विस्तार

*205. **श्री भंवर लाल पंचार** : क्या नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार ने जोधपुर हवाई अड्डे में प्रतीक्षालय, अतिथि कक्ष तथा

वाहन खड़े करने के स्थान का विस्तार करने के लिए कोई योजना तैयार की है; यदि हां, तो विस्तार की अनुमानित लागत कितनी है; और

(ख) योजना को कब तक कार्यान्वित कर दिये जाने का विचार है?

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री (श्री मोती लाल वोरा): (क) राष्ट्रीय विमानपत्तन प्राधिकरण की, जोधपुर एयरपोर्ट की सुविधाओं के विस्तार और उनका दर्जा बढ़ाने की योजनाएं हैं जिससे साथ-साथ 2 बोइंग 737 विमानों को हैंडल किया जा सके। इन योजनाओं में अन्य बातों के साथ-साथ टर्मिनल भवन प्रस्थान होल्डिंग क्षेत्र तथा कार पार्क का विस्तार तथा परिवर्धन करना शामिल है। लागत अनुमानों को अभी अंतिम रूप दिया जाना है।

(ख) राष्ट्रीय विमानपत्तन प्राधिकरण द्वारा कार्य 1988-89 में शुरू किए जाने का प्रस्ताव है। इस कार्य के लिए राष्ट्रीय विमानपत्तन प्राधिकरण की चालू वर्ष की वार्षिक योजना में 40 लाख रुपए का प्रावधान किया गया है। निर्माण कार्य आरंभ होने से लगभग 18 महीने की अवधि में परियोजना के पूरा होने की आशा है।

Ailments of Calcutta Port

*206. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Calcutta Port has been ailing for quite some time;

(b) if so, what are the main reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps have so far been taken by Government for its recovery from the persisting ailments?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) to (c) The Calcutta Port has been facing difficulties mainly on account of its long distance from the sea, high cost of dredging and insufficient earnings. The Government have taken steps for increasing cargo handling capacity, modernising existing facilities, increasing revenue and efficiency and are also giving subsidy to the extent of 90 per cent on its maintenance dredging.

Art Objects missing from the Festivals of India held Abroad

*207. SHRI RAM NARESH YADAV:

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a rare seventh century A.D. Icon of Buddha and another Icon of 13th century A.D. taken from Konark and Ratnagiri museums for display at the Festivals of India abroad are missing;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) the number of art objects missing or damaged in the Festivals of India abroad so far which are yet to be traced; and

(d) what efforts have been made by the Central Government to trace the missing art objects and whether any responsibility has been fixed for their disappearance?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) Of all the art objects sent abroad to USA, France and USSR under the aegis of the Festivals of India, only one tiny mouth-piece of a hukka belonging to Indian Museum, Calcutta was found missing, before the hukka was sent to USA. A report on the loss was lodged with the police and the investigation is in progress.